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Clearly, the formula did not provide a balanced equation since more there is more oxygen resulting from the reaction. Therefore, the amendments provided above are typographical in nature. Otherwise, the formula would defy basic laws of conservation of matter by, instead, creating matter.

Further, no new matter is being added to specification by the requested amendments. Moreover, the claim amendments do not change the scope of the claim, but instead merely set forth the correct chemical equation. Consequently, Applicants contend that the above amendments should be considered acceptable and entered in this case.

Applicants further petition for entry of the instant amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312(b), since the issue fee was recently paid on August 13, 1999. Applicants contend that the amendment should be entered in this case to avoid any confusion by the public upon reviewing the disclosure of the patent issuing from the subject application. Furthermore, due to the minor nature of the error and to the fact that the amendment conforms the formula to basic laws of chemistry, Applicants believe there are good and sufficient reasons for entering the amendment. Moreover, the error was only recently noted by Applicants and steps to correct the error were immediately initiated.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130 to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-1880) and any other fees required for entry of this amendment.

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If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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